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SUBJ: ROAD SHIPMENT OF RICE TO UTAPAO

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1. GKR DELEGATION AND EMBASSY OFFICER MENTIONED IN REFTL (A) RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH THIS EVENING, MARCH 28, AFTER SPENDING THE DAY IN BATTAMBANG HAVING CLEARED THE WAY FOR THE SHIPMENT OF CAMBODIAN RICE TO UTAPAO.

2. GKR DELEGATION MET ALL INTERESTED CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THIS UNDERTAKING. DULY EXECUTED SANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR 620 MT REQUIRED BY THEIR CUSTOMS IS IN THE HANDS OF SORAPA, THE STATE AGENCY THAT WILL SUPPLY AND LOAD THE RICE ON THE ETO CONVOY.

3. FOUR THOUSAND 80 KILO NWT SACKS ARE NOW READY FOR
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SHIPMENT. ONE FOURTH IS STORED IN BATTAMBANG PROPER,

AND THE BALANCE AT MONGKOK BOREI, A TOWN LOCATED APPROXIMATELY HALF WAY BETWEEN BATTAMBANG AND THE BOREDER TOWN OF POIPET. WE NEED TO KNOW AND RELAY TO BATTAMBANG VIA EMBASSY RADIO NET ETA BATTAMBANG OF THE ETO CONVOY, NUMBER OF TRUCKS, AND TONNAGE TO BE LIFTED. THIS DATA WILL PERMIT THE PROMPT ISSUANCE OF A GKR TRANSPORT AUTHORIZATION/CUSTOMS DECLARATION, THE ONLY DOCUMENT REQUIRED ON THIS SIDE. CABLE ADVICE.

4. TWO KHMER CUSTOMS AGENTS WILL CHECK LOADING OPERATIONS AT BATTAMBANG AND/OR MONGKOK BOREI. IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL TRUCKS WILL HAVE TARPAULIN COVERS. IF THESE CAN BE PROPERLY TIED TOWN KHMER CUSTOMS WILL SEAL THE CARGO ON EACH TRUCK.

5. AS FOR AMMO DELIVERIES, THE ETO CONVOY LEADER IS TO CONTACT THE FANK COLONEL IN CHARGE OF THE BATTAMBANG LOGISTICS CENTER, WHO WILL DIRECT HIM TO SORAPA.

6. ACCORDING TO LOCAL BATTAMBANG AUTHORITIES, THE ETO CONVOY LEADER EXPLAINED ON MARCH 26 THAT RICE CONVOYS WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT ON THE THAI SIDE OF THE BORDER AND LEAVE THE NEXT DAY FOR SAMAE SAN WITH A THAI MILITARY ESCORT. THIS PROCEDURE WILL APPARENTLY ELIMINATE RISKS OF DIVERSION AND/OR SUBSTITUTION WHILE SHIPMENT TRANSITS THROUGH THAILAND. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER SUCH PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED.

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